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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION USUN NEW YORK INFO CANBERRA, COLOMBO,
NEW DELHI, TEHRAN, SEPTEMBER 29, 1973 FROM SECSTATE WASHDC
IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE (IOPZ) AD HOC

COMMITTEE: PROJECTED REPORT TO UNGA

1. AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF TIMMINS TELEPHONED DEPTOFF SEPT 18
TO CONVEY MAIN POINTS OF CANBERRA INSTRUCTIONS TO AUSTRAL-
IAN MISSION FOR IOPZ AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING PLANNED
LATER IN MONTH. INSTRUCTIONS INDICATE THAT CONTRARY TO
EARLIER IMPRESSION, COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP FEELS CONFIDENT
ENOUGH OF OBTAINING AGREEMENT AMONG MEMBERS TO PUSH FOR
REPORT TO UNGA SETTING OUT SUBSTANTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS
WHICH COULD BECOME BASIS FOR 1973 IOPZ RES.

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2. AUSTRALIAN MESSAGE SUGGESTS THAT MOST SIGNIFICANT PROJECTED RECOMMENDATION IS FOR STUDY OF GREAT POWER MILITARY PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN AREA. IRAN APPARENTLY HAS PROPOSED THAT SYG BE REQUESTED TO CONDUCT SUCH STUDY "WITH ASSISTANCE OF EXPERTS." CANBERRA INSTRUCTS AUSTRALIAN DEL TO SEEK TO SCALE STUDY DOWN TO THAT OF NAVAL DEPLOYMENTS ONLY. RATIONALE, ACCORDING EMBOFF, IS THAT NAVAL STUDY WOULD REVEAL VERY LIMITED GREAT POWER PRESENCE, HENCE RELATIVE LACK OF STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE THEY ASCRIBE TO AREA.

3. EMBOFF INDICATED HE INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY ABOVE FOR DEPT'S INFO AND WAS NOT ASKING FOR US COMMENTS. WOULD BE USEFUL, HOWEVER, IF USUN COULD CONFIRM STATE OF PLAY IN COMMITTEE APPARENTLY REFLECTED BY AUSTRALIAN MESSAGE, AND PARTICULARLY OBTAIN TEXT OF DRAFT IOPZ RES AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. RUSH UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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